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**Re: Ex Parte Communication**  
**WT Docket No. 02-55**  
**ET Docket No. 00-258**  
**ET Docket No. 95-18**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 21, 2005 the undersigned, counsel for Mohave County Board of Supervisors, met with Heather Dixon, Legal Adviser, Media Issues, for Chairman Martin concerning the above-referenced proceedings. The County requested clarification regarding the Memorandum Opinion and Order of October 5, 2005, with particular reference to reimbursement for the cost of relocating the television translator relay system serving the County so as to conform to the new 2025-2110 MHz band plan. The County urged that, in light of the Request for Declaratory Ruling filed June 20, 2005 by Nextel Communications, Inc., the Association for Maximum Service Television, Inc. and the National Association of Broadcasters, the October 5 Order should be read as confirming the eligibility of translator relay stations like these for reimbursement. The County also stressed the public interest importance of the relay stations in question, e.g. the fact that they are used to deliver the only source of over-the-air network programming to approximately 140,000 County residents.

During the meeting a question was posed as to the cost. While the final cost depends on the equipment scenario, a conservative estimate, which involves replacement of the stations with 2 GHz gear, is approximately \$353,000. Note that this includes the five County links as well as two links licensed to Phoenix affiliates which are also used to deliver off-the-air programming to the County.

A copy of material regarding the County was presented to Ms. Dixon during the meeting, is attached to this letter.

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*A copy of this ex parte filing is submitted for inclusion in each of the Dockets.*

Respectfully submitted,

  
William K. Keane

cc: Heather Dixon  
Legal Adviser

## Profile:

# Mohave County, Arizona

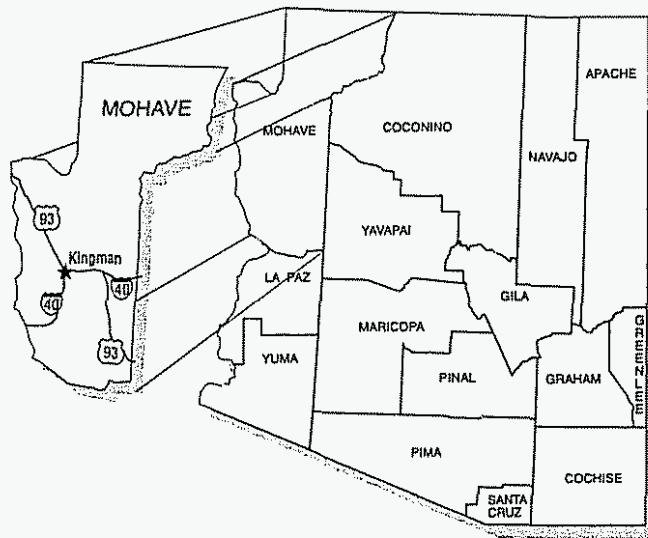
**M**ohave County, at the time of its creation by Arizona's first Territorial Assembly in 1864, actually included portions of present day Nevada. In 1865, the northern portion of Mohave County was split off as Pah-Ute County. And in 1867, parts of both counties — including the present site of Las Vegas — were attached to Nevada, which had become a state in 1864. The much-reduced Pah-Ute County was merged with Mohave County in 1871. Today, most of the historic sites of "Arizona's Lost County" are covered by the waters of Lake Mead.

The area that is now Mohave County began to attract settlers shortly after it was brought into the United States by the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in 1848. The 1860s saw an influx of miners after gold was discovered, and Mormons who were sent south from Utah by their church.

Mohave County is geographically the second largest in the state. Most of it is classified as desert, but of its 13,470 square miles, 158 square miles are water. The county boasts 1,000 miles of shoreline and is a great water sports center. It also has the longest stretch of historic Route 66. The Colorado River and two man-made lakes, Lake Mohave and Lake Havasu, play an important role in the growth of Lake Havasu City and Bullhead City.

Kingman, the county seat, was not founded until the 1880s with the coming of the railroad. Before being moved to Kingman in 1887, the county seat had been located in the communities of Mohave City, Hardyville, Cerbat, and Mineral Park — none of which exist today. Although these communities did not survive, the forces that led to their establishment — mining, the Colorado River, and the railroad — are still important to the county's economy. Part of Mohave County and all of Colorado City are designated Enterprise Zones.

The U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land management own 61 percent of the land; Indian reservations, 6 percent; the state of Arizona, 7 percent; individual or corporate, 18 percent; and other public lands, 8 percent.



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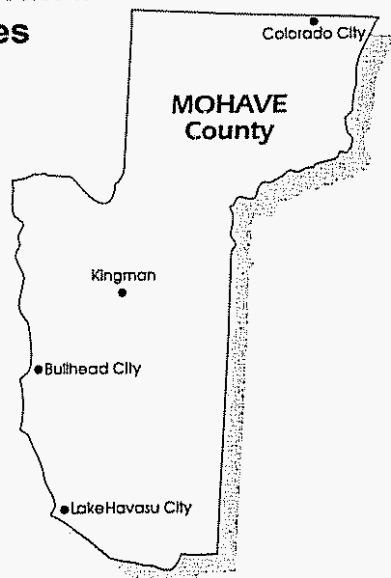


## Mohave County At-A-Glance

<b>County Seat:</b>	Kingman
<b>2003 Population:</b>	170,805
<b>2003 Labor Force:</b>	75,806
<b>Unemployment Rate:</b>	4.9%
<b>Major Industries:</b>	Retail Trade, Services, Public Administration, Transportation & Public Utilities, Finance, Insurance & Real Estate

Sources: Population Estimates, Population Statistics Unit, Research Administration and 2003 Preliminary Special Unemployment Report. Arizona Department of Economic Security

## Incorporated Cities



## Population

	1990	2000	2003
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	5,629,870
Mohave County	93,497	155,032	170,805
<b>Major Cities/Communities</b>			
Bullhead City	21,951	33,769	35,760
Colorado City	2,426	3,334	3,890
Kingman	13,208	20,069	22,690
New Kingman/Butler	N/A	14,810	16,317*
Lake Havasu City	24,363	41,938	48,730

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and Arizona Department of Economic Security, Population Statistics Unit.

\* Based on county growth rate

## Age Distribution

	% of total
0-14	19.3%
15-24	10.3%
25-44	23.2%
45-64	26.7%
65+	20.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, April 1, 2000 Census

## Population Composition\*

Race	% of total
White	90.1%
African American	0.5%
Native American	2.4%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.9%
Other	6.1%
Totals	100.0%
Hispanic Heritage*	11.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, April 1, 2000 Census

\* Persons of Hispanic heritage can be of any race



## Labor Force

### 2003 Civilian Labor Force

	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate
Arizona	2,690,294	5.6%
Mohave County	75,806	4.9%
<b>Major Cities/Communities</b>		
Bullhead City	20,048	5.4%
Colorado City	824	0.0%
Kingman	10,639	3.2%
New Kingman/Butler CDP	8,601	6.9%
Lake Havasu City	21,026	2.6%

Source: Arizona Dept. of Economic Security, 2003 Special Unemployment Report.

### 2003 Employment by Sector

Construction	5,925
Education & Health Services	5,600
Financial Activities	1,900
Government	7,375
Information	875
Leisure & Hospitality	5,625
Manufacturing	3,350
Professional and Business Services	3,425
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	10,675

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

## 2003 Total All Occupations

<i>Employment</i>	44,950
<i>Hourly Compensation</i>	
Median Wage	\$10.89
Average Wage	\$13.16
Entry Wage	\$6.24
Experienced	\$15.52

## 2003 Employment by Occupation - Average Wages

	<i>Employment</i>	<i>Avg. Wages</i>
Office & Administrative Support	7,520	\$11.62
Construction & Extraction	5,530	\$13.67
Food Preparation & Serving Related	5,230	\$7.54
Sales & Related	4,660	\$11.85
Transportation & Material Moving	3,090	\$11.00
Production	2,480	\$12.49
Education, Training, & Library	2,440	\$13.98
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	2,400	\$26.50
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	2,330	\$14.10
Management	1,640	\$28.70

Source: Prepared by the Ariz. Dept. of Economic Security, Research Administration in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, April 2004

## Major Employers

<i>Employer</i>	<i>Employment Type</i>
American Woodmark Corp. Kingman	Manufacturer Kitchen Wood Cabinets
Cyprus Climax Metals Co., Kingman	Copper Ore
Ford Proving Grounds, Yucca	Automotive Test Site
General Cable, Kingman	Miscellaneous Fabricated Wire Products
Goodyear, Kingman	Manufacturer Aircraft Components
Guardian Fiber Glass, Kingman	Manufacturer Flourine Products
Havasu Regional Hospital	General Medical and Surgical Hospital
Lake Havasu City	Trade
Home Depot, Bullhead City, Lake Havasu	Trucking/Heavy Hauling
IWX Motor Freight, Kingman	General Medical and Surgical Hospital
Kingman Regional Medical Center	General Medical and Surgical Hospital
Laidlaw Corp., Kingman	Manufacturer, Coat Hangers
McKee Foods, Kingman	Manufacturer, Snack Foods
Mohave Community College	Colleges and Universities
Bullhead City, Colorado City, Kingman, Lake Havasu City	
Mohave County, Kingman	Government
Praxair, Inc., Kingman	Industrial Gases
Silver Ridge Village, Bullhead City	Retirement Home
Smith's Food and Drug Centers, Kingman	Grocery Stores
Sterlite Corp.	Manufacturer
Lake Havasu City	Plastic Household Products
True Serv Kingman	True Value Hardware Distribution
Wal-Mart, Bullhead City, Lake Havasu City	Trade
West Coast Netting, Kingman	Manufacturer
Western Arizona Regional, Bullhead City	Medical Center

## Electric Service



## Utilities

### Major Suppliers:

Citizens Utilities (Lake Havasu City)	(928) 855-2138
Citizens Utilities Electric Division	(928) 753-2124
Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc	(928) 763-1100

## Natural Gas Service

### Major Suppliers:

Citizens Utilities Company	(800) 522-4391
Citizens Utilities (Lake Havasu City)	(928) 453-0595
Southwest Gas Corporation	(800) 766-9722

## Water and Sewer

For information, see specific community profile or contact the local chamber of commerce directly

## Telephone

### Major Suppliers:

Cellular One (Kingman)	(928) 692-1715
Citizens Communications	(928) 453-9009 or (928) 753-9009
Citizens Mohave Wireless	(928) 716-2355
Citizens Utilities Company	(800) 457-0312
South Central Utah Telephone Association	(435) 826-4211



## Medical

### Major Hospitals:

Western Arizona Regional Medical Ctr., Bullhead City	(928) 763-2273
Havasu Samaritan Regional Hospital, Lake Havasu City	(928) 855-8185
Kingman Regional Medical Center, Kingman	(928) 757-2101



## Education

Mohave Community College, Kingman	(928) 757-4331
Lake Havasu City	(928) 855-7812
Bullhead City	(928) 763-3926
Colorado City	(928) 875-2799
Northern Arizona University, Kingman Office	(928) 757-0818
The University of Arizona, Mohave County Cooperative Extension Office	(928) 753-3788

Note: Public libraries are located in Kingman, Bullhead City, Lake Havasu City and Colorado City



## Transportation

### Highways

Interstate 40, I-15, U.S. 93, state Highway 66, state Highway 68, state Highway 95, state Highway 389

### Bus Lines

Greyhound Bus Lines

### Rail Service

AMTRAK (800) 872-7245  
Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (800) 289-2673

### Trucking Service

Arkansas Best Freight Systems (ABF) Freight System Inc., C&R Trucking, Conway Transportation Services, Consolidated Freight Ways (CF), Motor Cargo, Sun Aire Transport Corp., Viking Freight Inc., Yellow Freight System, Inc., Roadrunner Trucking

### Air Service

#### Major Airports

**Airport Name:** Laughlin Bullhead Int'l. Airport  
(928) 754-2134  
Location: Bullhead City  
Functional Class: Commercial Service; Tri-State Regional Airport with scheduled daily service and connections to national/international carriers  
Elevation: 692'  
Ownership: Public  
Use: Public/Military/Commercial  
Nav-aids: None  
Runway: 16/34 Length: 7,500' Width: 150'

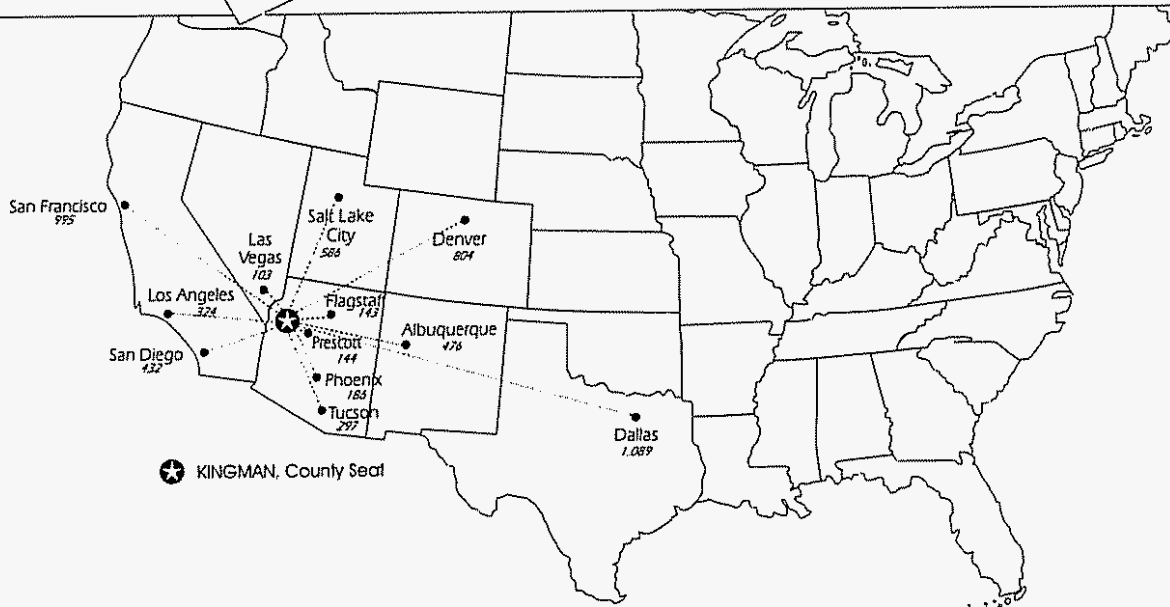
**Airport Name:** Colorado City Municipal (928) 875-8046  
Functional Class: Basic Service  
Elevation: 4,870'  
Ownership: Public  
Use: Public  
Nav-aids: NDB AWOS  
Runway: 20/02 Length: 5,100' Width: 60'  
Surface: Asphalt  
Runway: 29/11 Length: 6,300' Width: 75'

**Airport Name:** Kingman (928) 757-2134  
Functional Class: Commercial Service  
Elevation: 3,446'  
Ownership: Public  
Use: Public/Military/Commercial  
Nav-Aids: VOR  
Runway: 03/21 Length: 6,831' Width: 150'  
Surface: Asphalt  
Runway: 17/35 Length: 6,724' Width: 75'  
Surface: Asphalt, concrete

**Airport Name:** Lake Havasu City Airport (928) 764-3330  
Functional Class: Commercial/General Aviation  
Elevation: 781' MSL  
Ownership: Municipal (Lake Havasu City)  
Use: Public/Commercial/Military  
Nav-Aids: Needles VOR/GPS EED 115.2  
139 degrees at 13.2 NM  
Runway: 32/14 Length: 5,500' Width: 100'  
Surface: Asphalt

Source: Department of Transportation, Arizona Airports Land Use Compatibility Study

### Distance to Major Cities



Technical drawing of a mechanical component, likely a valve or actuator, showing a side view with a handle and a base. The drawing is labeled with dimensions and part numbers.

Commercial/Industrial Park is located at Arizona Avenue and Highway 389. There are 32 one-to-two acre lots. The city is a designated Enterprise Zone. Contact Oliver Barlow, Enterprise Zone Administrator at (928) 875-2414 or Kevin Barlow, City Clerk at (928) 875-2646

Kingman

There is one industrial park four miles from town at the Kingman Airport, 4,500 acres zoned industrial, served by rail, air and interstate highway with all utilities are available. For additional information, contact Kingman 2005, (928) 757-2005

The city's Central Business Park has approximately 20 acres remaining available for light manufacturing. Approximately 200 acres of city-owned property, adjoining the newly completed airport, is undergoing master planning. Contact the Partnership for Economic Development, 314 London Bridge Rd., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403; (928) 453-3444, for further information.

Kingman and Lake Havasu City, offers large industrial tracts to accommodate warehouse-distribution and manufacturing firms that require direct access to I-40 for same day, on-time deliveries to West Coast markets. The corridor is served by the mainline of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad and two transcontinental natural gas pipeline corridors. For information contact the Mohave County Economic Development Authority, 3160 Shangri La, Kingman, AZ 86401, (928) 692-6970



## Industrial Development Authorities

Industrial Development Authority of Kingman  
Robert A. Taylor, City Attorney  
310 N. 4th St.  
Kingman, AZ 86401  
(928) 753-8091/Fax: (928) 753-8007

Arizona Bank  
Bank of America  
Bank One  
Downey Savings  
First Arizona Savings  
Mission Bank  
Mohave State Bank  
Stockmen's Bank  
Wells Fargo Bank

## State Corporate Income Tax

Source: Arizona Department of Revenue

Community	School District	City/Fire	Countywide	Total
Bullhead City	5.31	0.00*	4.18	9.49
Chionde	4.91	2.97	4.18	12.06
Colorado City	6.86	0.00*	4.18	11.04
(Kingman	4.91	0.30	4.18	9.39
Lake Havasu City	6.53	0.80	4.18	11.51

The state imposes a 5.6 percent transaction privilege (sales) tax on business activities. Mohave County has a 1/4 percent general sales tax. The cities of Buñhead City, Colorado City, Kingman, and Lake Havasu City have a city sales tax of 2 percent. Colorado City and Kingman have an additional 2 percent tax on hotel/motel stays and Buñhead City has a 3 percent bed tax.

## Payroll Tax

<sup>a</sup> Payroll taxes in Arizona are computed based on federal filing by employers and employees. Generally, withholding for state payroll taxes is between 10 and 37 percent of federal withholding based on employees' income.

Source: Arizona Department of Revenue

Kingman, AZ 86401  
(928) 753-8091/Fax: (928) 753-8007



## For Further Information

**Bullhead Area Chamber of Commerce**

1251 Hwy. 95

Bullhead City, AZ 86429

(928) 754-4121

FAX: (928) 754-5514

Email: [info@bullheadchamber.com](mailto:info@bullheadchamber.com)**Bullhead City Economic Development Authority, Inc.**

1848 Hwy. 95, Suite 104

City Complex

Bullhead City, AZ 86442

(928) 704-6374

FAX: (928) 704-6376

Email: [rlabceda@frontiernet.net](mailto:rlabceda@frontiernet.net)**Town of Colorado City**

25 S. Central

P.O. Box 70

Colorado City, AZ 86021

(928) 875-2646

**Dolan Springs Chamber of Commerce**

P.O. Box 274

Dolan Springs, AZ 86441

(928) 767-4473

FAX: (928) 767-6245

**Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce**

333 W. Andy Devine Ave.

P.O. Box 1150

Kingman, AZ 86402-1150

[www.kingmanchamber.org](http://www.kingmanchamber.org)

(928) 753-6253

FAX: (928) 753-1049

Email: [kgmncofc@ctaz.com](mailto:kgmncofc@ctaz.com)**Kingman 2005, Inc./Kingman Airport Authority, Inc.**

7000 Flightline Dr.

Kingman, AZ 86401

(928) 757-2005

FAX: (928) 757-9871

Email: [kaaeconddev@citilink.net](mailto:kaaeconddev@citilink.net)**Lake Havasu Area Chamber of Commerce**

314 London Bridge Rd.

Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

[www.havasuchamber.com](http://www.havasuchamber.com)

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FAX: (928) 680-0010

Email: [info@havasuchamber.com](mailto:info@havasuchamber.com)**Partnership for Economic Development**

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